

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1 through 15 cancelled.

16. (currently amended) A steering column module for vehicles having a steering wheel cooperating with a steering shaft of a steering column, ~~wherein the steering column having~~ a stationary tubular jacket ~~bears bearing the steering column shaft~~ for rotation within that tubular jacket, the steering column module comprising:

a first switch member mounted to the tubular jacket;
a rotatable signal case component cooperating with the ~~steering column shaft~~ for secure mutual rotation therewith;
a code disc cooperating with said rotatable signal case component for secure mutual rotation therewith;
a stationary steering angle module mounted to said first switch member; and
a steering angle sensor cooperating with said steering angle module and communicating with said code disc to measure a steering angle of the ~~steering column shaft~~, wherein said code disc is disposed proximate to a bearing of the ~~steering column shaft~~ in the tubular jacket to improve an accuracy in said steering angle measurement.

Claim 17 cancelled.

18. (currently amended) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said rotatable case component comprises a projection, extending in a first direction substantially parallel to a longitudinal

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extension of the steering ~~column shaft~~, which engages an associated recess, extending in a second direction substantially transverse to said extension of said steering ~~column shaft~~, in said code disc.

19. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said steering angle module comprises a carrier within which said code disc is radially secured and rotatably disposed.

Claim 20 cancelled.

21. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said steering angle module comprises a bearing piece having a bearing ring in which said code disc is disposed.
22. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said steering angle module comprises a carrier bearing a scanning device for scanning said code disc.
23. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said code disc has rotary angle encoding disposed on an end face thereof.
24. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said code disc has holes constituting rotary angle encoding.
25. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, wherein said code disc has a rotary angle encoding disposed on an outer surface thereof.

26. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, further comprising at least one additional switch member mounted to said first switch member in a modular manner.
27. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 16, further comprising an evaluation electronics mounted in said steering angle module to communicate with said steering angle sensor.